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H.F.B.**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

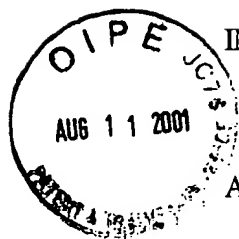
Honorable Assistant Commissioner:

This amendment, being made following an Examiner's Office Action, dated February 13, 2001, in the prior case but prior to an Examiner's Office Action in this Continued Prosecution Application case, is intended to fully address the Examiner's previous Office Action. Applicant does not intend to add any new matter by way of this amendment. Applicant believes the application as originally filed meets the requirements of 35 U.S.C. for an application suitable for receiving a filing date.

Please amend the above named application as follows:

A. In the Claims:

Please amend claims 13, 16 and 19 as shown on the following pages, which provide a "clean version" and a version with "markings to show changes made."



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